## e-FILING and e-Commenting System

for



# California Energy Commission Docket Proceedings

**USER'S TRAINING GUIDE** (Revised February 2020)

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## 1 Background and Introduction

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) has the statutory responsibility for certifying thermal power plants 50 megawatts and larger and related facilities, such as transmission lines, fuel supply lines, and water pipelines. It also has authority to monitor compliance with conditions of certification. The Energy Commission's certifying and compliance processes involves parties and public agencies filing and serving documents, and the public providing comments. To streamline processes and provide consistent and easy access to information, the Energy Commission created an electronic, online e-filing and e-commenting system. The e-commenting system is intended for members of the general public to submit comments about a proceeding. The e-filing system provides Energy Commission staff, applicants, intervenors, and public agencies a preferred method of filing documents in a proceeding.

In 2015, all proceedings went online for members of the general public to file their documents by using the e-filing and e-commenting system.

## 1.1 About the Project

The e-filing and e-commenting project seeks to achieve the following goals:

- 1. Improve the organization and management of Energy Commission documents
- 2. Accelerate processing of filings and comments
- 3. Eliminate or reduce the requirement for hard copy document submission
- 4. Enable electronic filing and tracking
- 5. Reduce costs for everyone involved.

### 1.2 About this Document & System

This document is intended for users who will be making e-filings and e-comments.

The manual is designed to be used as a training guide and reference and is organized to explain what functionality is available for each user to access and use throughout the process. Each section is designed to be self-contained so that if you need to look up how to complete a specific task, you can quickly consult the corresponding section and find the information needed.

The Energy Commission system requires users to interact with the system based on specific roles:

• **Public:** The public interacts with e-commenting and e-filing through a link on the Energy Commission public website's "Proceedings" tab and individual

proceeding webpages. They can search and browse published documents related to all proceedings and provide comments on these proceedings.

- **Submitter:** The submitter will be a registered user of the e-filing system and will be able to submit documents on behalf of himself/herself or his/her clients for proceedings. Submitters may be Energy Commission staff, applicants for power plant licenses, intervenors in licensing proceedings as well as the public and interested parties in all other proceedings.
- Docket Unit Staff: the Docket Unit staff will manage dockets and documents in the Energy Commission system, including reviewing, validating, and accepting or rejecting the e-filed documents; submitting documents that arrive through CD or other electronic medium, and accepting or rejecting electronically-submitted comments. For paper submissions, the Docket Unit staff scans the documents manually to one of the allowed file types and uploads the file to the server on behalf of the submitter.
- **Confidentiality Attorney:** The confidentiality attorney is a member of Energy Commission's legal staff and has the responsibility to review and approve requests for confidential designation of submitted documents.

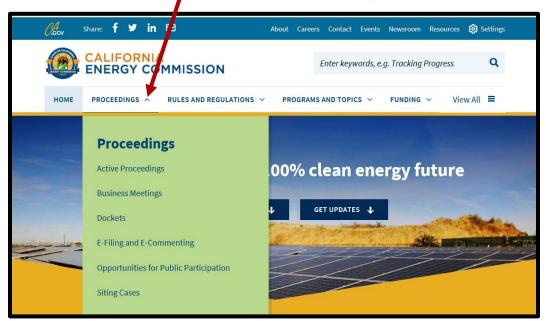
## 2 e-Commenting

The e-commenting system allows the general public to provide comments on all active proceedings.

## 2.1 Accessing the system

Go to the California Energy Commission homepage at <a href="https://www.energy.ca.gov/">https://www.energy.ca.gov/</a>.

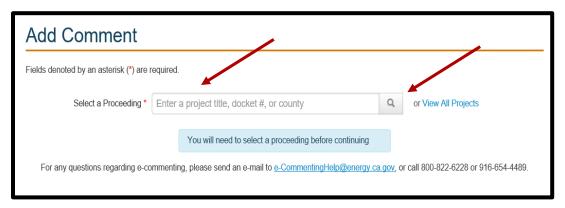
1. Click on the **PROCEEDINGS** arrow for the drop down menu.

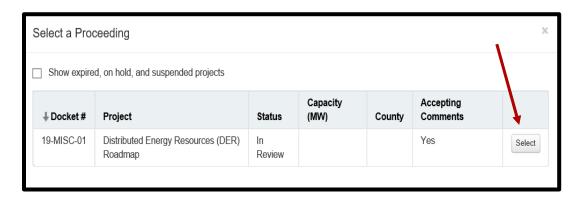


- 2. Click on **E-Filing and E-Commenting** which will take you to the E-Filing and E-Commenting webpage.
- 3. Click on Comment on a Proceeding in the **POPULAR LINKS** box.



4. Enter the Docket Number in the **Select a Proceeding** box. Click the magnifying glass icon. Click on the **Select** button for the Docket Number submitting a comment for. Click the **Continue** button.

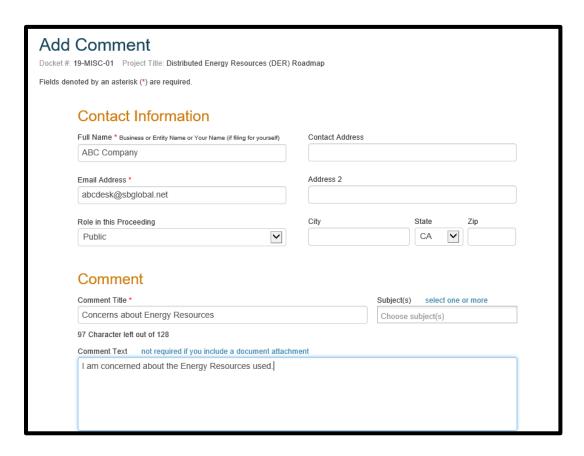






5. At the **Add** Comment screen, Fields with red asterisks (\*) are mandatory. If the comment is for yourself, enter your full name. If filing on behalf of the Business or Entity Name, enter the Business or Entity Name.

Add your email Address, Contact Address, Subject(s), Comment Title, and Comment Text.

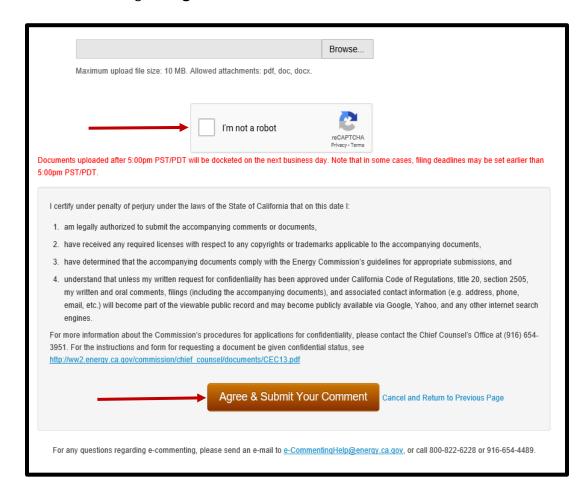


You can type your comments into the **Comment Text** box or you can attach them in a document in DOC, DOCX, or **searchable** PDF formats. Attachment file should not exceed 10 MB's.

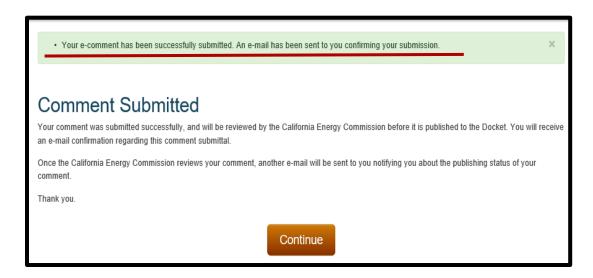
For Mac users with iWork software, you can create a PDF file for upload by (1) selecting **Print** from the file menu; (2) clicking on **Save** as **PDF**...from the **PDF** drop down menu, and (3) Clicking **Save** to save the PDF file on your computer.

All PDF documents need to be in a searchable text format (optical character recognition (OCR format) or your document(s) will be rejected.

After clicking the **I'm not a robot** box and responding to CAPTCHA, (a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that the responses are generated by a human user and not a computer), read the certification you are submitting comments or documents before clicking on **Agree & Submit Your Comment** to the Docket Unit.



6. Next you will see the acknowledgement screen shown below:



7. You will also receive an email confirmation.

Dear ABC Company,

Your e-comment titled 'ABC Company Comments: Concerns about Energy Resources' was successfully submitted to Docket Number 14-AFC-01, and will be reviewed by the California Energy Commission before it is published to the Docket.

Once the California Energy Commission reviews your comment, another e-mail will be sent to you notifying you about the publishing status of your comment.

Thank you.

For e-commenting help or questions, send an e-mail to e-CommentingHelp@energy.ca.gov, or call 800-822-6228 or 916-654-4489.

This is an automated e-mail message. Replies to this message will not be read or replied to. Instead e-mail this address with your questions or comments.

8. Once the Docket Unit approves your comment, it will be published and you will be notified via email with a link to your docketed comment.

#### Your 1 Comment(s) approved and published

Dear ABC Company,

The following 1 Comment(s) that you submitted to the California Energy Commission (Docket Number 14-AFC-01) were approved and published to the California Energy Commission website:

Docket Number: 14-AFC-01

Project Title: eFiling Test Power Plant

TN Number: 229698

Title: ABC Company Comments: Concerns about Energy Resources

Description: Filer: System

Organization: ABC Company

Role: Public

Submission Date: 9/9/2019 1:28:11 PM

Docketed Date: 9/9/2019

Subject(s):

Submission Type: Comment

Page(s):

Thank you.

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For e-filing help or questions, send an e-mail to e-FilingHelp@energy.ca.gov, or call 916-654-5076.

For e-commenting help or questions, send an e-mail to  $\underline{\text{e-CommentingHelp@energy.ca.gov}}$ , or call 800-822-6228 or 916-654-4489.

This is an automated e-mail message. Replies to this message will not be read or replied to. Instead e-mail <u>this address</u> with your questions or comments.

## 3 e-Filing

The e-Filing system is for use by all proceedings (Dockets) by power plant license Applicants, recognized Intervenors, submitters and Energy Commission staff to file documents in a proceeding.

## 3.1 Accessing the System

To submit an e-filing, go to the Energy Commission homepage at <a href="https://www.energy.ca.gov/">https://www.energy.ca.gov/</a>. There is more than one way to access e-filing. We will show you one below.

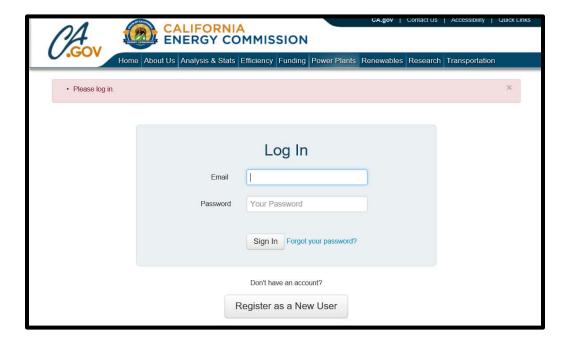
1. Click on the **PROCEEDINGS** arrow for the drop down menu.



2. Click on E-filing and E-Commenting.

3. Click on **E-File Document for a Proceeding** in the **POPULAR LINKS** box on the right hand side of the screen. The system will take you to the Log In screen shown below.



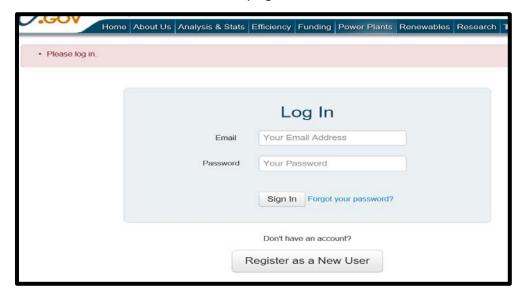


## 3.2 Submitting the e-filing

The process of e-filing evolves three steps:

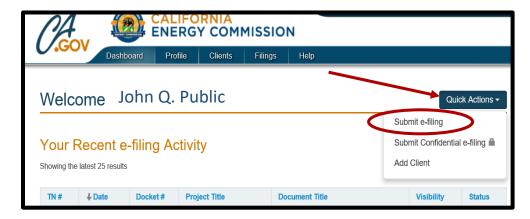
- 1. Selecting the proceeding (Docket) and role in the proceeding;
- 2. Uploading one or more files and adding descriptive information (metadata) for each file; and
- 3. Reviewing the document and accepting the terms and conditions for submission.

You will be required to Log In with an account to proceed. The steps involved in account creations are covered in Section 5.1, (see page 39).

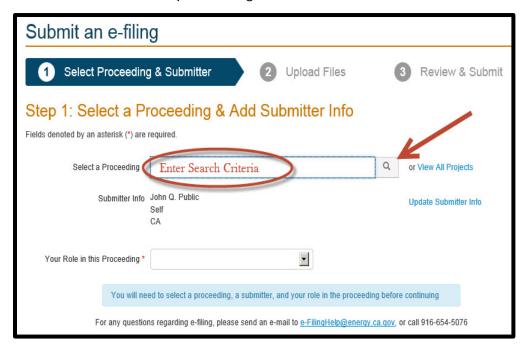


After you Log In, you will be able to select a proceeding and set your role.

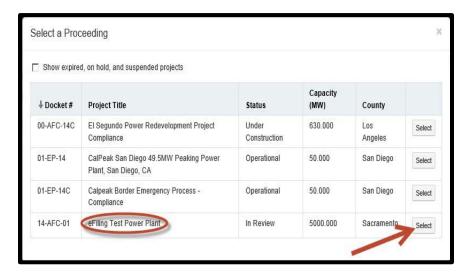
When you Log In, you will come to the custom welcome screen, also known as the Dashboard. From the **Quick Actions** dropdown menu, you will select **Submit e-filing**.



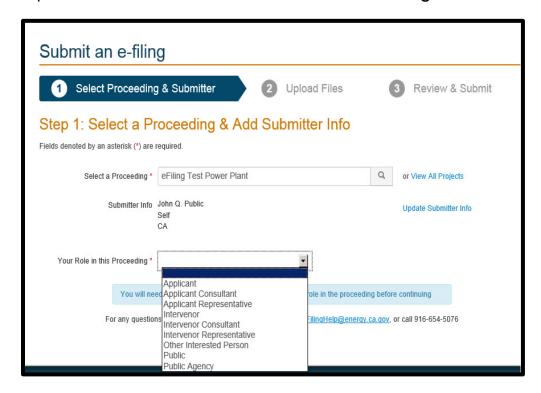
The first step is to **Select a Proceeding & Submitter**. To select a proceeding, enter a few consecutive characters in the proceeding name and click on the magnifying glass search icon. Alternatively, click on the **View All Projects** link to select from a list or enter the Docket Number in the proceeding name.



From the list of return results, select your proceeding using the **Select** button.



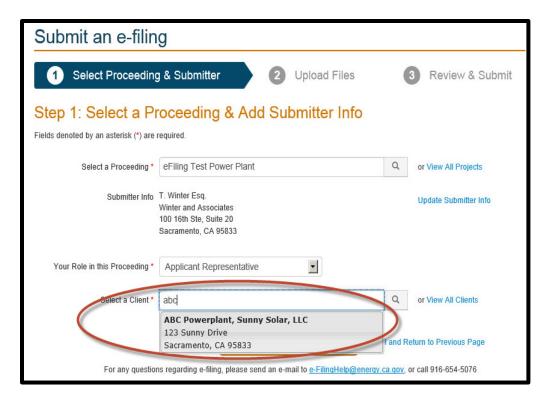
Use the drop down menu to select Your Role in this Proceeding:



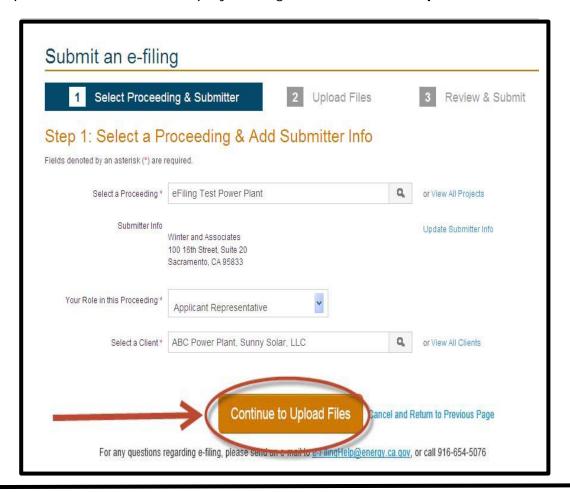
If you choose a Representative or Consultant Role, you will also need to **Select a Client**.

First, you will need to add your client's name in the Client's tab on the dashboard.





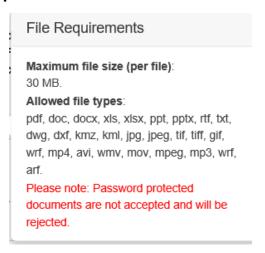
You will proceed to the second step by clicking the **Continue to Upload Files** button.



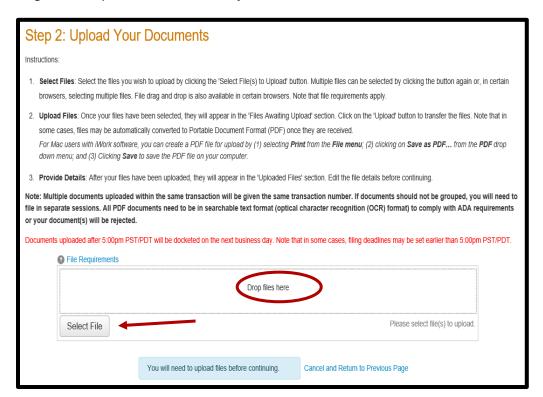
The second step is to **Upload Files**. You may upload as many file(s) as you need (up to 30 MB per file) using the specific files types allowed.

Please note that: Password protected documents and zip files are not accepted and will be rejected.

#### File Requirements in box below:



Upload your documents by clicking on **Select File(s) to Upload**. You will browse out to your local computer or device to select the document(s) you wish to upload. Alternatively, you can drag and drop files into the **Drop Files Here** box.

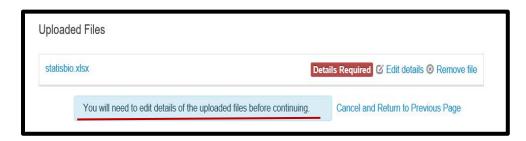


After you select your document, it will appear in the **Files Awaiting Upload** (shown below). To complete the process of selecting your document for uploading you will click **Upload File(s)**.

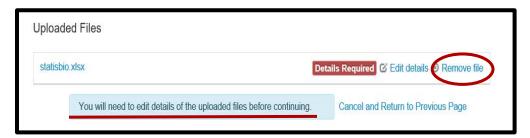


**NOTE**: Text files with the extension .doc, .docx, .rtf, or .txt will be converted to searchable PDF documents after they are uploaded to the server.

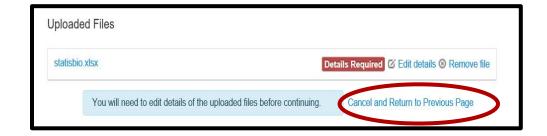
After you click the **Upload File(s)** button, the file will appear in the **Uploaded Files** area as shown below:



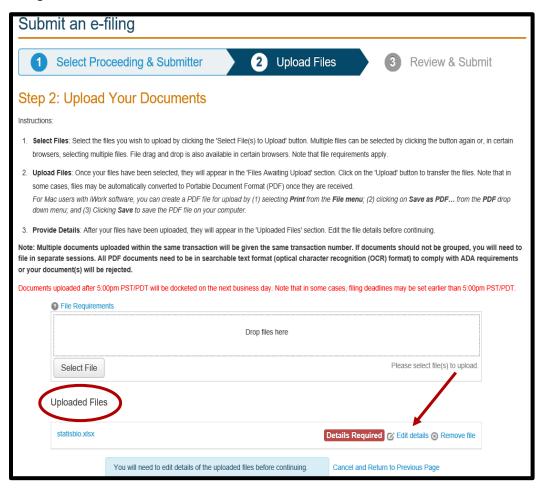
If you have selected a wrong file or want to remove a file before providing details, then you click on the **Remove file** button beside the file name and the file will be removed from the **Uploaded Files** list.



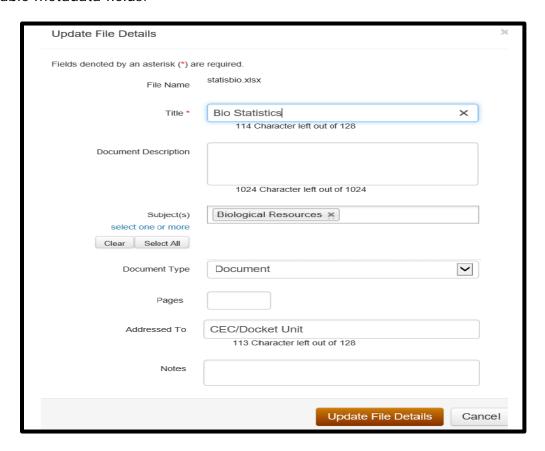
Additionally, you can always click Cancel and Return to Previous Page.



After you upload your files, you will need to **Edit Details** of your file. The label **Details Required** indicates that the file details need to be added to the uploaded document before moving forward.



After you select **Edit Details** the **Update File Details** screen will pop up. It is important to fill out as much detail as possible about the document because these are the searchable metadata fields.



#### File Details are required (tips to populating below).

**Title**: Review the document to give a clear concise description. Focus on the content of the document rather than the "to" and "from", which will be captured in other fields. Avoid abbreviations and acronyms since this is a searchable metadata field and use Title Caps.

**Document Description**: If further information is needed or helpful it should go in this field. Additionally, if the document is being filed with multiple attachments it should be noted here. (Example: Attachment A to Preliminary Staff Assessment).

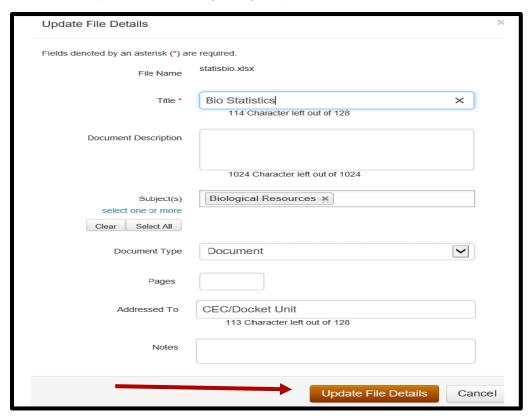
**Subject:** If you know the subject(s) that apply to the filing you can add them from the precreated drop down list in this field. You can add as many subjects as needed.

**Document Type**: From the dropdown list, you can select from the following document types: Autocad Drawing, Document, Google Earth Data, Map, Meeting Recording, Photograph or Shapefile. If you are unsure what Document Type to select then you can default to "Document".

**Addressed To**: This field should always be entered. If the document is not directed to any individual person or company then you should enter this field as "CEC/Docket Unit".

**Notes**: This field is for the Submitter or Docket Staff to input any pertinent notes about the filing.

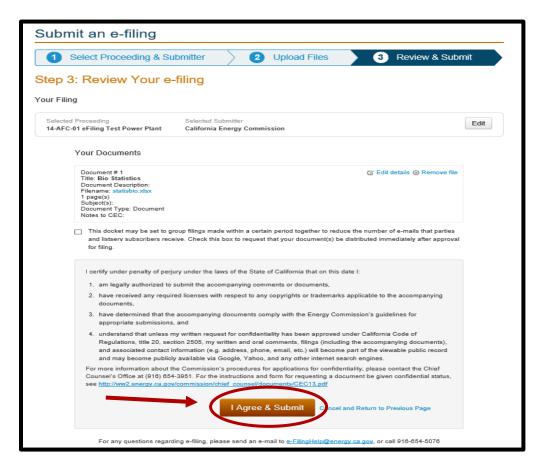
Once you have populated all the metadata fields, select **Update File Details**. You will need to do this same process for every file you plan to submit.



After you have entered the file details and the labels of all of the uploaded files read **OK**, you move to the next page by clicking the **Continue to Review and Submit** button.



The third step is to **Review & Submit** your filing. Review your filing to ensure accuracy and click on the **I agree and Submit** button. If your filing is not ready to submit, you still can use the **Edit Details**, **Remove File** and **Cancel and Return to the Previous Page** Links.



Upon successful submission of the files, the system will provide an onscreen message. Next, click **Continue**.



The system will also send a confirming email notification to your registered email address.

Dear John Q. Public,

Your 1 e-filing(s) were successfully submitted to Docket Number 14-AFC-01, and will be reviewed by the Docket Unit.

The following file(s) were submitted:

• Title: Bio Statistics
Subject(s): Biological Resources
Document Type: Document

Another e-mail will communicate the results of the Docket Unit's review.

When you click on the **Continue** button, you will be redirected to the Dashboard. In green highlighting a message confirming your filing will be displayed. Your filing will also show up in **Your Recent Filing e-filing Activity** list.



Once the Docket Unit staff approves the document, you will receive a confirming email with a link to your docketed document.

Dear John Q. Public,

The following 1 Document(s) that you submitted to the California Energy Commission (Docket Number 14-AFC-01) were approved and published to the California Energy Commission website:

Docket Number: 14-AFC-01

Project Title: eFiling Test Power Plant

TN Number: 229732 Title: <u>Bio Statistics</u> Description: Filer: Patty Paul

Organization: California Energy Commission Role: Commission Staff Submission Date: 9/13/2019 11:27:06 AM

Docketed Date: 9/13/2019 Subject(s): Biological Resources Submission Type: Document

Page(s):

Thank you.

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For e-filing help or questions, send an e-mail to e-FilingHelp@energy.ca.gov, or call 916-654-5076.

For e-commenting help or questions, send an e-mail to e-CommentingHelp@energy.ca.gov, or call 800-822-6228 or 916-654-4489.

This is an automated e-mail message. Replies to this message will not be read or replied to. Instead e-mail <a href="mailto:this address">this address</a> with your questions or comments.

If the Docket Unit staff rejects the comment or document, you will be notified via email. The email will provide the reason for the rejection.

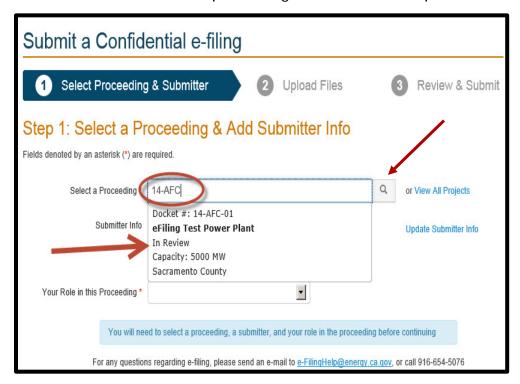
Dear John Q. Public,
The following Document that you submitted to the California Energy Commission (Docket Number 14-AFC-01) has been rejected:
Title: Bio Statistics
The reason for rejection is:
The document was not searchable. Please make the document searchable and refile.
Please contact the Dockets Unit if you have any questions.

## 4 Confidential e-filing

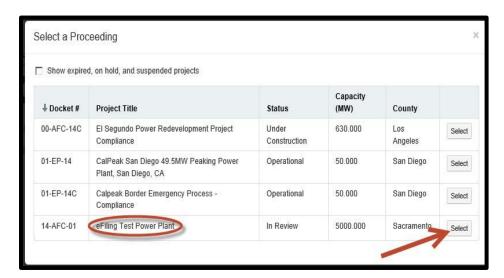
To submit a confidential filing, click on **Quick Actions** from the **DASHBOARD** and select **Submit Confidential e-filing** from the dropdown.



To select a proceeding, enter a couple of characters and click on the magnifying glass search icon. This search then lists all proceedings that include the specified characters.



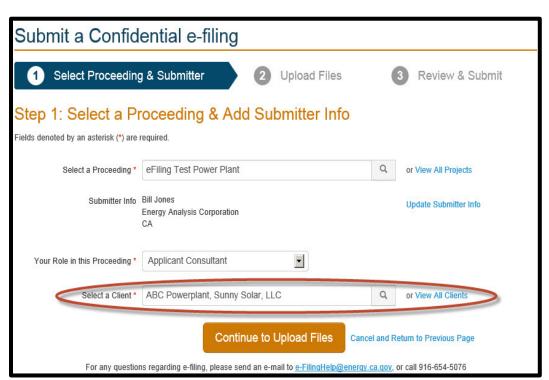
Alternatively, you may click on the **View All Projects** link and Select the Proceeding at Issue.



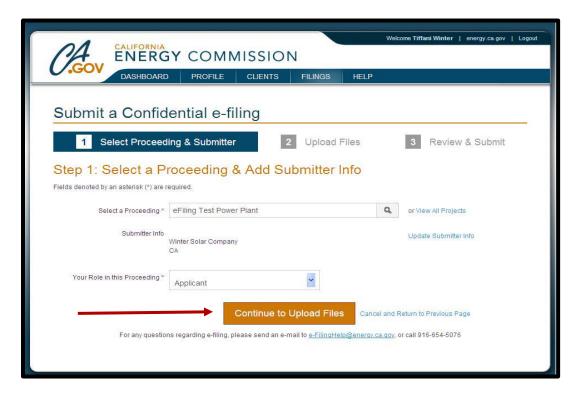
Use the drop down menu to select Your Role in this Proceeding.



If you choose a Representative or Consultant Role you will also need to **Select** a Client. See page 50 for Client Profile Management.

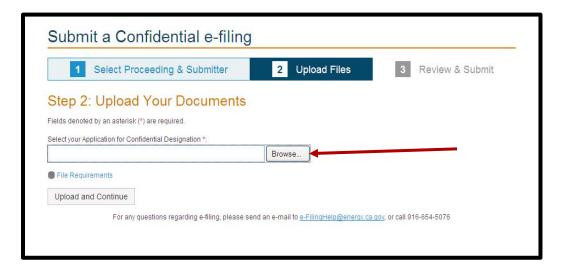


After you have selected the proceeding and your role, you can click on the **Continue to Upload Files** button.

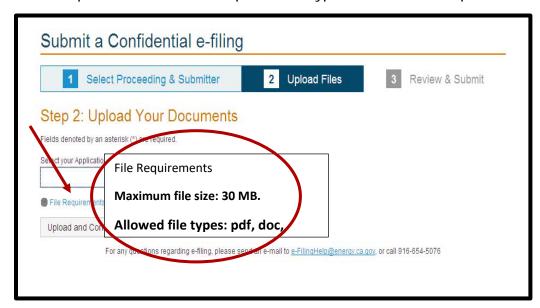


First you will upload your Application for a Confidential Designation by clicking on the **Browse** button. Acceptable file formats are .pdf, .doc, .docx, .rtf and .txt. Maximum file size allowed is 30 MB's.

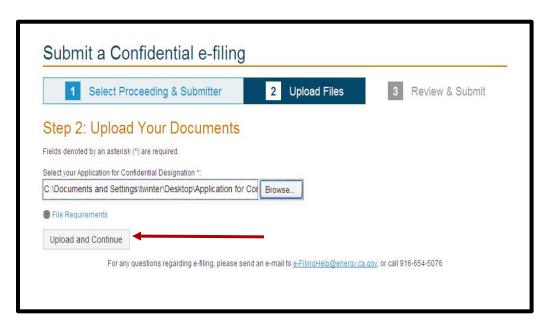
Note: files with the extension .doc, .docx, .rtf or .txt will be converted to PDF once they are received, so you do not need to convert them.



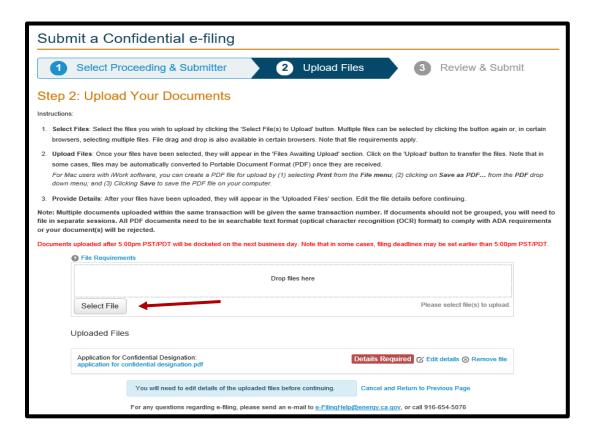
Hover over File Requirements to see acceptable file types and file size requirements.



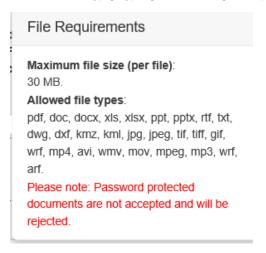
Once you have selected your Application for Confidential Designation, click the **Upload** and **Continue** button.



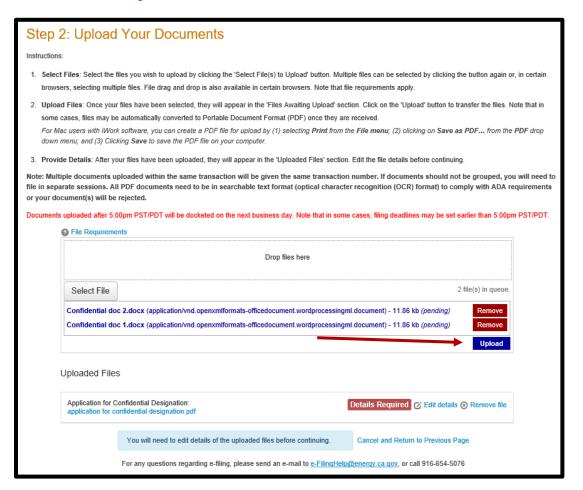
Next you will **Select File(s) to** Upload your confidential document(s). You can upload multiple confidential documents.



Once you have selected your confidential document(s), click on **Upload File(s)**. You can upload as many separate proposed confidential documents by repeating this same process. Acceptable file types are as follows: pdf, doc, docx, xlx, xlsx, ppt, pptx, rtf, txt, dwg, dxf, kmz, kml, jpg, jpeg, tif, tiff, gif, mp3, mp4, avi, wmv, mov, and mpeg.

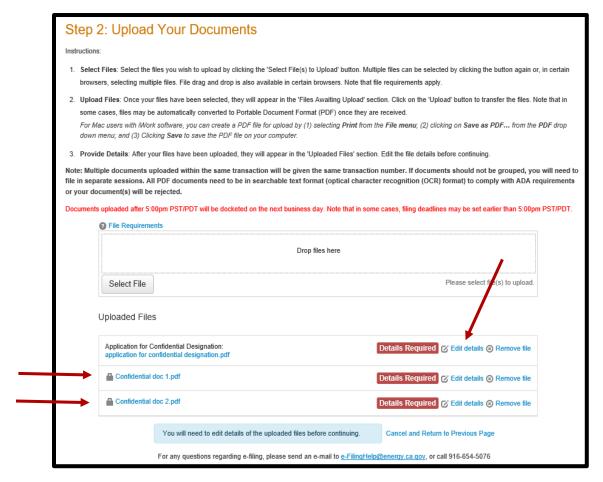


Please note: Password protected documents and zip file documents are not accepted and will be rejected.



The lock image indicates the file(s) are confidential.

#### Uploaded Files:



Next you will need to provide details regarding your filings by clicking on Edit Details.

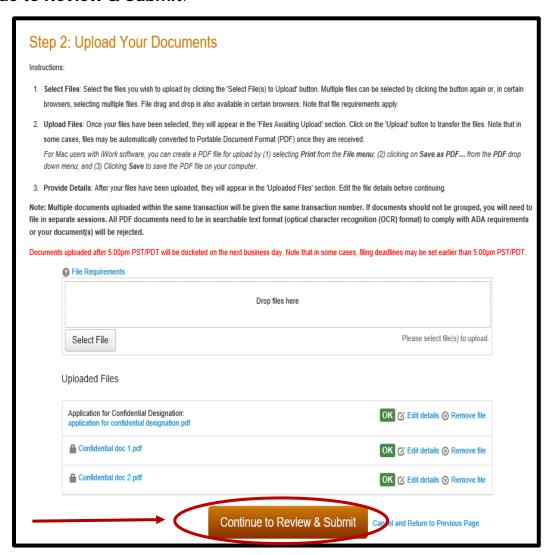
Select **Edit Details**. The **Update File Details** screen will pop up. It is important to fill out as much details as possible about the document because these are the searchable metadata fields. See pages 20 and 21 for tips on populating file details.

When populating the file details for the confidential data, you will need to input a **Confidentiality Sunset Date** or check the **Indefinite** box. If you opt to check the **Indefinite** box, you will need to provide justification in the **Notes** field.

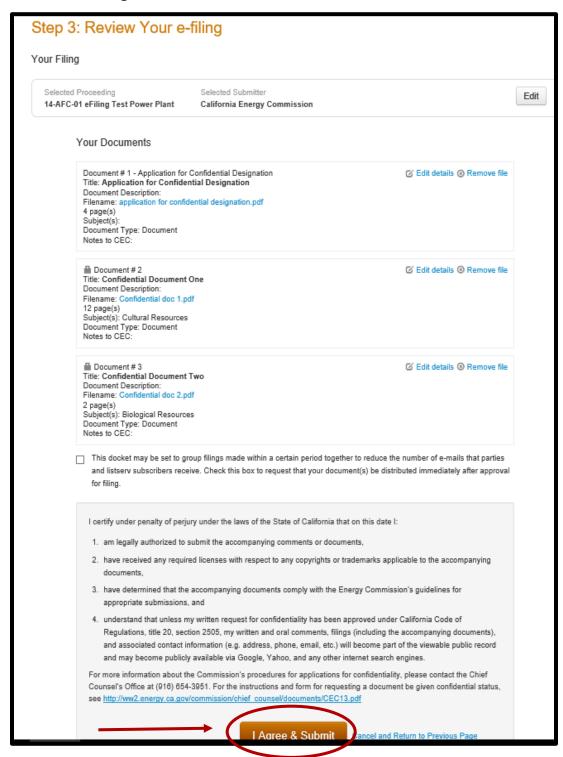


Once the fields are all populated, then click **Update File Details**. You will need to do this for each document you file.

Verify that you have uploaded all the files you wish to submit for docketing and click **Continue to Review & Submit**.



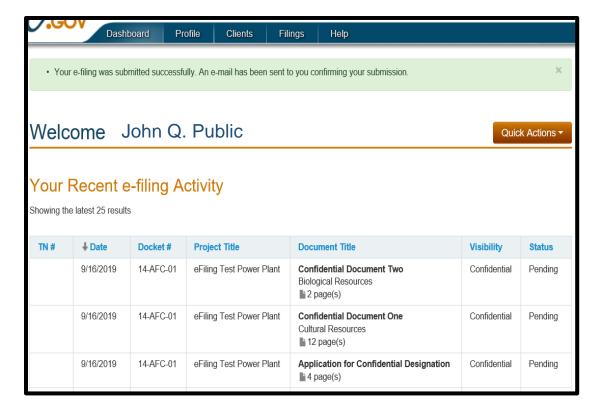
Review your filing to ensure accuracy and click on I Agree & Submit. If your file is not ready to submit, you can still use the Edit Details, Remove File and Cancel and Return to Previous Page Links.



Upon successful submission of the files, the system will provide an onscreen message. Next, click **Continue**.



When you click on the **Continue** button, you will be redirected to the Dashboard. In green highlighting, a message confirming your filing will be displayed. Your filing will also show up in **Your Recent Filing e-filing Activity** list.



The system will also send a confirming email notification to your registered email address.

Dear John Q. Public

Your 3 confidential e-filing(s) were successfully submitted to Docket Number **14-AFC-01**, and will be reviewed by the Docket Unit.

The following file(s) were submitted:

• Title: Application for Confidential Designation

4 page(s)

Document Type: Document

• Title: Confidential Document One

12 page(s)

Subject(s): Cultural Resources Document Type: Document

• Title: Confidential Document Two

2 page(s)

Subject(s): Biological Resources Document Type: Document

Another e-mail will communicate the results of the Docket Unit's review.

Thank you.

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For e-filing help or questions, send an e-mail to e-FilingHelp@energy.ca.gov, or call 916-654-5076.

If the Docket Unit Staff approves your application, you will receive two confirming emails. The first email will have a link to the docketed application. The second email will be confirming that your confidential data is being reviewed.

Dear John Q. Public,

Your 2 confidential filing(s) submitted on 9/16/2019 11:55:55 AM, to Docket Number 14-AFC-01, have been approved by Dockets staff.

The Application for Confidential Designation associated with your filing(s) has been published to the California Energy Commission website:

The following other document(s) included in your confidential filing are now awaiting confidentiality review:

• Title: Confidential Document One

12 page(s)

Document Type: Document

Title: Confidential Document Two

2 page(s)

Document Type: Document

You will be notified again as to the status of your confidential filing(s) once the confidentiality review is complete.

After the Docket Unit Staff approves the application, the confidential document(s) will be forwarded to the Confidentiality Attorney for review before they are entered into the respective docket.

If the Docket Unit staff rejects the Application for Confidentiality, the entire filing will be removed from the system and you will receive an email reflecting the reason for rejection as shown below:

## Your 3 confidential filing(s) rejected

Dear John Q. Public,

Your 3 confidential filing(s) submitted on 9/16/2019 9:18:30 AM, to Docket Number **14-AFC-01**, have been rejected by the California Energy Commission.

The reason for rejection is:

no data was submitted with your application

#### 5 Account Creation and Profile Maintenance

The e-filing system is a quick and easy way for the recognized parties to file necessary documentation for proceedings. The e-filing system requires document submitters to register before submitting documents. The system allows submitters to submit documents, submit confidential documents, view submission history, update the submitter profile, and recover forgotten passwords.

## 5.1 Accessing the system and User Registration

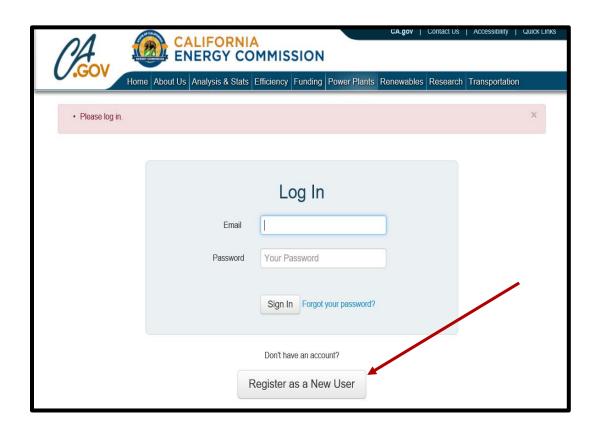
As a submitter, you access the e-filing system by navigating from the Energy Commission website. To create an account, log in to the California Energy Commission's website: <a href="https://www.energy.ca.gov/">https://www.energy.ca.gov/</a>

Click on the **PROCEEDINGS** arrow for the drop down menu.



- Click on E-filing and E-Commenting.
- 2. Click on **E-File Document for a Proceeding** in the **POPULAR LINKS** box located on the right hand side of the screen. The system will take you to the Log In screen shown on the following page.

3. The first time you log in, you will need to **Register as a New User.** 

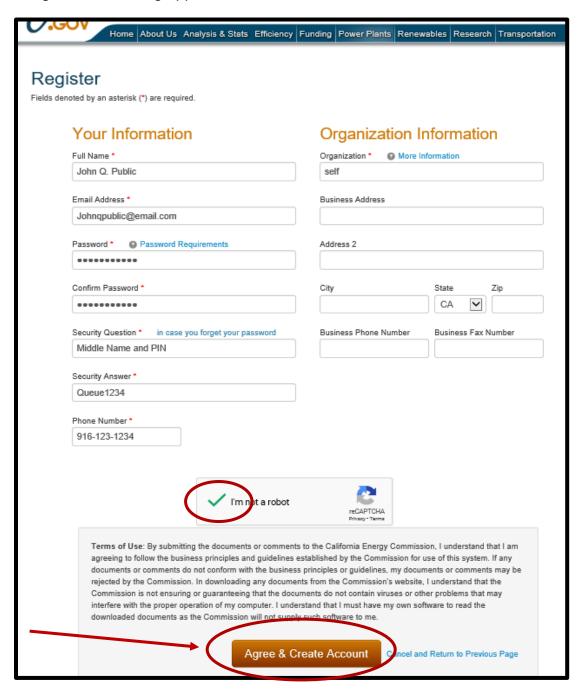


You are required to complete a simple, one-time registration to create your e-filing account. Mandatory fields include name, email address, and password. You are asked to provide a security question and answer in case you forget your password.

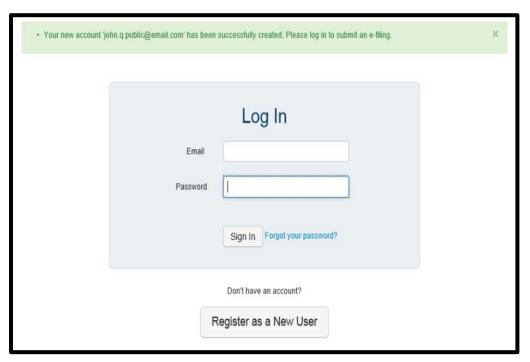
If you are filing on behalf of a client, you need to include your organization's contact information, as well as your client's information. This will simplify searches for multiple clients. You can add an unlimited number of clients into the system.

You will also be required to verify a CAPTCHA to ensure the profile is being created by a person and not by automated scripts. You will need to check the box next to **I'm not a Robot**. A screen may pop up asking you to verify specific pictures. Upon approval, you will get a green checkmark in the box.

After you agreed to the Terms of the Use and click the **Agree & Create Account** button, the system will register you and send an automated email informing you that you are able to log into the e-filing application and submit documents.



Next you will be redirected back to the Log In page where you will see a message confirming your account. Please note the messages in green text, they show the status of your previous action.

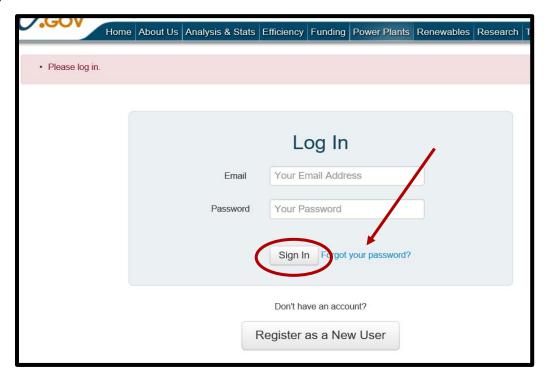


You will also receive an email confirming the setup of your account.



#### 5.2 Lost Password

If you forget your password, you can reset it by clicking on **Forgot your password** on the Log In screen.



Next, the system will prompt you to enter your registered email address.



The system will ask for the answer to the security question you set up when creating your account. Click **Submit**.



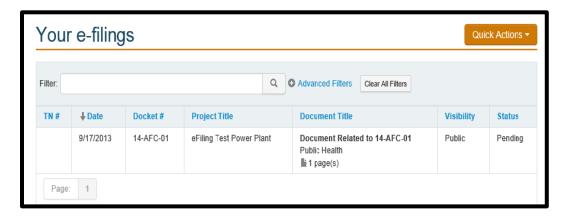
Next, you will see a pop-up (shown below) letting you know that a new password has been emailed to you with further instructions.



If you do not have access to your old email address, you will need to create a new account. If the email address is forgotten, the user will need to call the Docket Unit Staff to obtain this information.

#### 5.3 User Dashboard

Your default page will be the Dashboard. This page will have information about your previous filings, including Transaction Number (TN#) and Docketed Date (if approved) or Rejection Date, Docket Number, Project Title, Visibility, and Status.

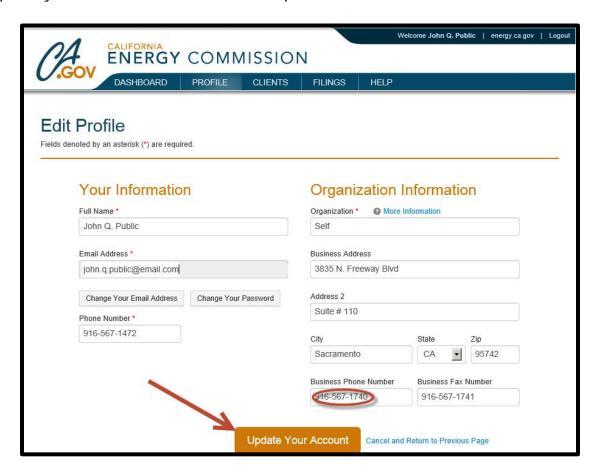


## 5.4 User Profile Management

By selecting the **PROFILE** tab, you can update your profile, change your email address, or change your password. Note – Any email or mailing address change made will not automatically be transferred to any Proof of Service or other distribution lists; you must also notify Energy Commission's Docket Unit or Hearing Adviser's Office about this change so they can update the appropriate list(s).



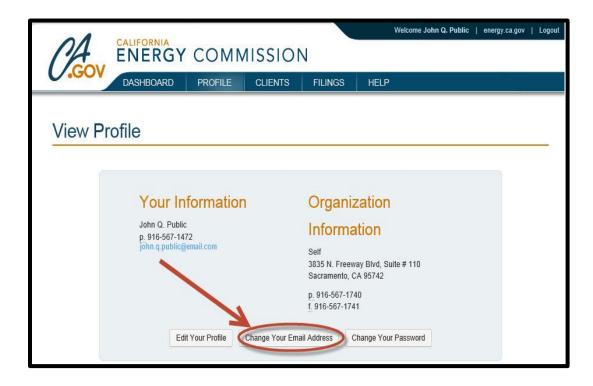
When a user clicks on the **Edit Your Profile** button, a new window will appear where you update your account with additional user profile information and firm information.



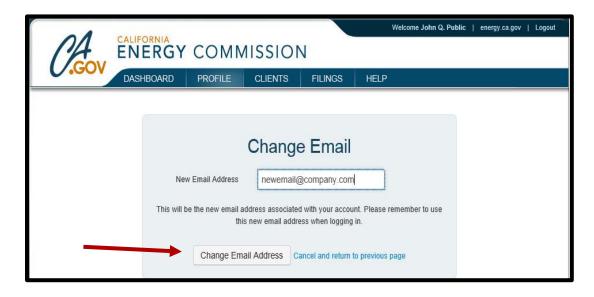
After updating your account, in this sample with a new business phone number, you will need to click on the **Update Your Account** button and the e-filing system will send a confirmation to your email address.



If you want to change your email address, you click on the **Change Your Email Address** button.



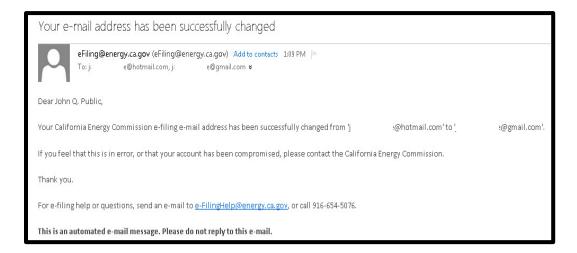
You enter the new email address, as shown below, and click the **Change Email Address** button.



Next you should see the confirmation screen. Select Continue.



After changing your email account, you will receive an email to the new address confirming the change.



If you want to change your password, click on the **Change Password** button.



You will need to input your current password and the new password. Click **Change Your Password**.



Next you will see the confirmation screen. Click **Continue** to return to the Dashboard.

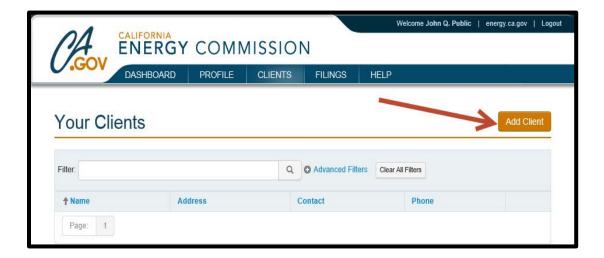


# 5.5 Client Profile Management

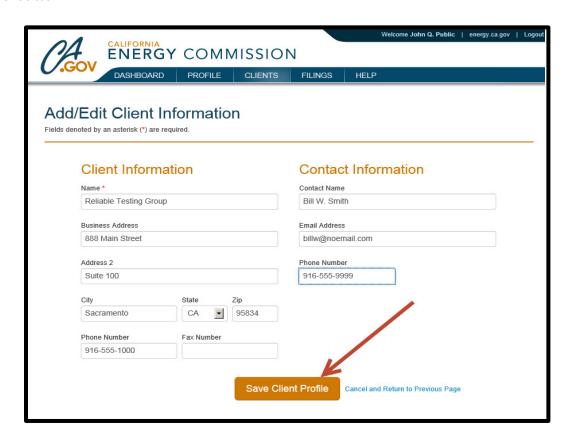
Click on the **CLIENTS** tab to add, modify, or delete clients.



This will bring you to the list of **Your Clients**. To add a client select the **Add Client** button.



Clicking on this will direct you to the **Add/Edit Client Information** page. Once you fill out the mandatory and optional information fields for the client, click the **Save Client Profile** button.



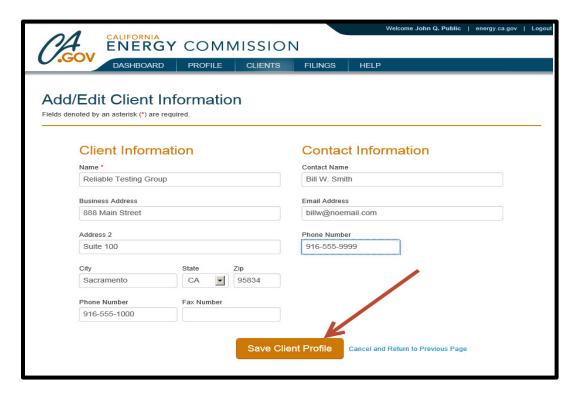
After you enter the mandatory fields and click the **Save client Profile** button, the new client will appear in the **Your Clients** list.



To edit a client, select the **Edit** button.



Clicking on the Edit button will direct you to the **Add/Edit Client Information** page. Once you edit or update the client profile, click the **Save Client Profile** button.



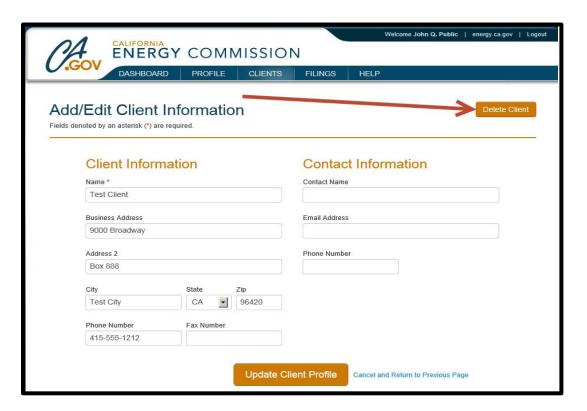
The changes will reflect in the Your Clients list.



To delete a client, click on the **Edit** button.



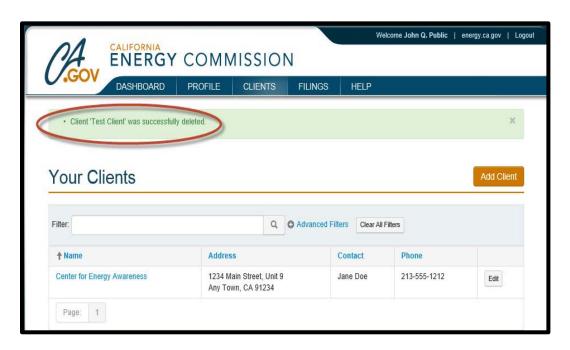
This will take you to the **Add/Edit Client Information** page. Click on the **Delete Client** button.



The system will prompt you to confirm the deletion. Select Yes, Delete this Client.



You will receive a confirmation message highlighted in green stating that the delete was successful. Additionally, the system will send a confirming message to your email account.



## 6 Help

Click on the **Help** tab to get assistance during e-filing or e-commenting.



The User's Guide can also be accessed from the **Help** tab.



# 7 View Docket Webpage/Docket Log for All Other Proceedings

From the Energy Commission's website, select the **Proceedings** drop down arrow, click on **Dockets**. You will be taken to the **Alphabetical Listing of California Energy Commission Proceedings** webpage.



To view the docket webpage for the Proceedings that are not power plants, click the **Name of the Proceedings** link on the left hand side that is highlighted.

Note: Not all proceedings have webpages or documents in the docket logs.

To view the docket log, click on the Docket Number highlighted link on the right hand side and you will be directed to the docket log.



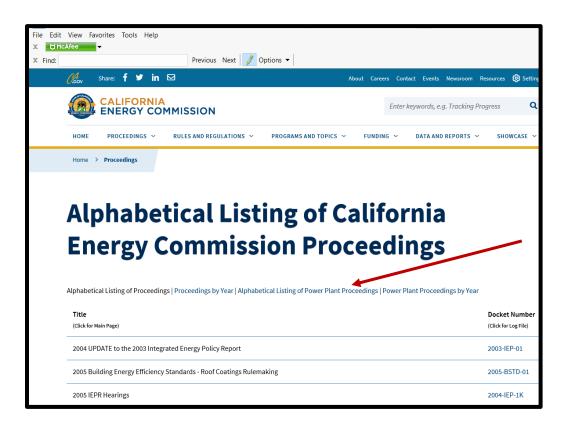
**Helpful tips**: Once you have selected a specific proceeding home page, click on the **Edit** tab on the top ribbon and scroll down on the drop down menu to the **Find on this Page** and click on it. Type the Docket Number in the **Find** box located on the top ribbon and click **Enter** on your keyboard. The Docket Number link will be highlighted. Click on the link and you will be directed to the Docket Log.

# 8 View Docket Webpage/Docket Log for Power Plant Proceedings

From the Energy Commission's website, select the **Proceedings** drop down arrow, click on **Dockets**. You will be taken to the **Alphabetical Listing of California Energy Commission Proceedings** webpage.



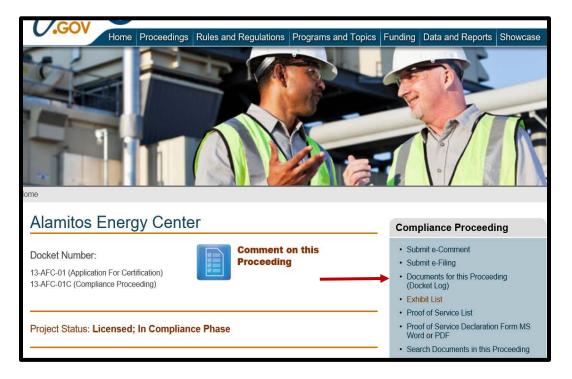
To view the docket webpage for the Power Plant Proceedings, click the **Alphabetical Listing of Power Plant Proceedings** link.



Click on the **Title** of the proceeding you would like to view. Only active proceedings will have active links. You will be directed to the webpage containing the Power Plant Proceeding.

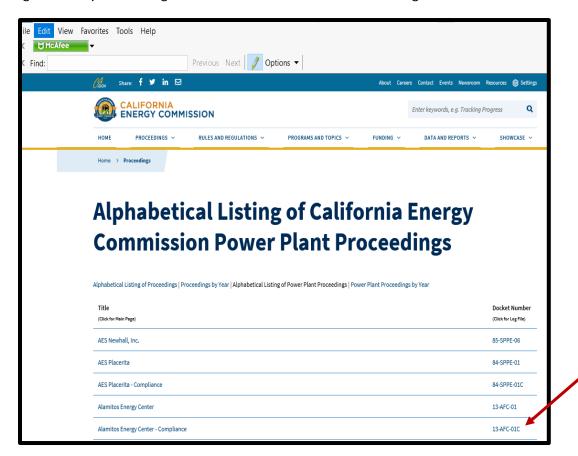


To view the documents in the power plant proceeding, click on the **Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)** link in the blue box.



Alternatively, you can view published documents in the in the Power Plant Proceedings Docket Logs, click the **Alphabetical Listing of Power Plant Proceedings** link.

To view the docket log, click on the Docket Number link and you will be directed to the docket log. Not all proceedings have documents in the docket logs.



**Helpful tips**: Click on the **Edit** tab on the top ribbon and scroll down on the drop down to the **Find on this Page** and click on it. Type the Proceeding Name in the **Find** box located on the top ribbon and click **Enter** on your keyboard. A list of Proceedings and their links will be listed. Click on the Proceeding name link and you will be directed to the Docket webpage.

#### 9 View Exhibit List

To view the Exhibit List, go to the docket webpage under the Proceedings Tab, click the **Alphabetical Listing of Power Plant Proceedings** link and then click on the **Title** of the proceeding you would like to view. You will be directed to the specific power plant webpage.

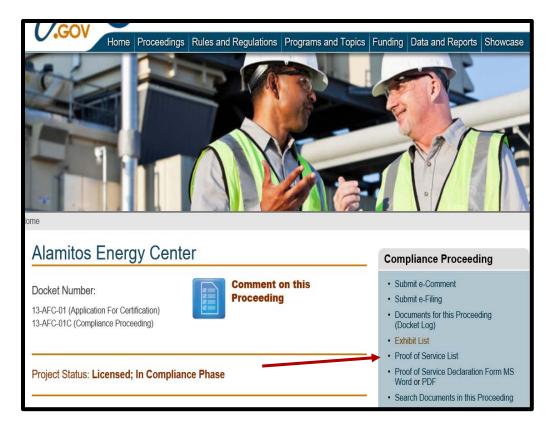
Click on the **Exhibit List** link in the blue box. The documents that have been marked as exhibits will be listed along with their exhibit numbers.



#### 10 View POS List

To view the Proof of Service List, go to the docket webpage under the Proceedings Tab, click the **Alphabetical Listing of Power Plant Proceedings** link and then click on the **Title** of the proceeding you would like to view. You will be directed to the specific power plant webpage.

Click on the **Proof of Service List** link in the blue box.



If there is a Proof of Service List, the names and addresses will be populated on the Proof of Service List. If there is no Proof of Service List, the following screen will appear.



**Note**: Committee Members (Commissioners, their Advisers, and the Hearing Officer) will not have email addresses or mailing addresses. They receive their copies of filed documents automatically through the e-filing distribution system.

A party that files documents via the e-filing system does not need to separately email or send the documents to the other parties; once a filing is docketed, the system will email the parties on the **Proof of Service List** with a link to the Commission Website where the file can be downloaded. (The system does not attach the file to the email because some files are too large to email—some servers will reject them as too large or a user's mailbox will fill up).

## 11 Search Documents in this Proceeding

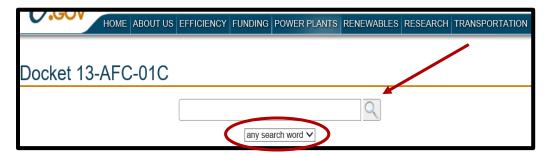
To search for documents within a proceeding, navigate to the power plant proceeding for which you want to search. Select **Search Documents in this Proceeding** link in the blue box and you will navigated to the public search webpage as shown on the following page.



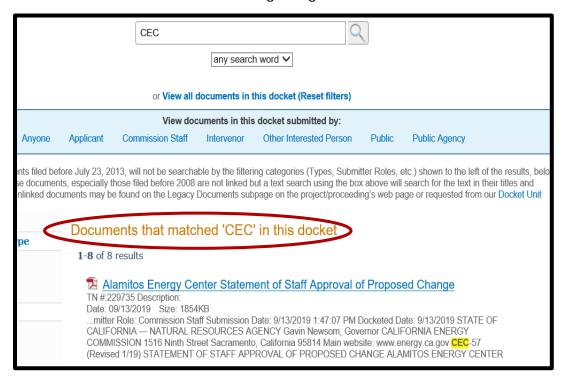


## 11.1 Search by Filename

You may enter the filename in the text box provided in the search page and then press magnifying glass to search the file in the docket. **Note:** This search capacity will search the body of the document as well as the Title.



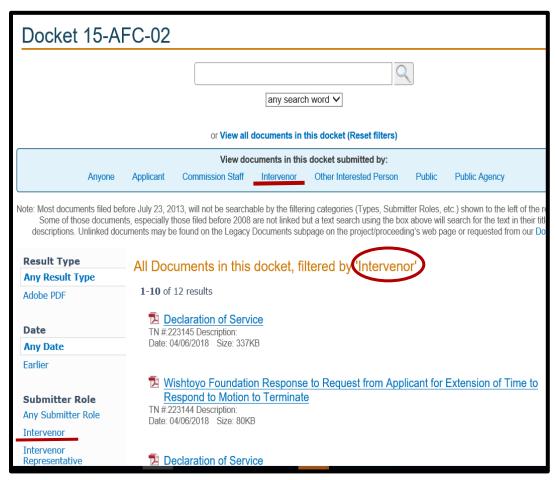
All the filenames that include the search string will get listed.



To cull down your search results, you can filter by **Result Type**, **Date**, **Subject Areas**, **Submission Type** or **Document Type**.

## 11.2 Search by Submitter

When searching for a document filed by a specific submitter, you click on the appropriate submitter listed in the blue shaded box or on the Submitter Role filter on the left side of the screen. For example, you can click on the **Intervenor** link in the blue shaded area to view the documents that have been submitted by Intervenors.



#### 11.3 Reset Search

You can click on the **Reset filters** link to reset the filers that were applied to the current search as shown below. The search will be reset and all the documents published under this docket will be listed.



# 12 Appendix A – Acronyms and Definitions

Acronym	Definition
e-filing and e- commenting system	E-filing, Case, Records Management system
Energy Commission	California Energy Commission
URL	Uniform Resource Locator
POS	Proof of Service List
IDL	Internal Distribution List

# 13 Appendix B – Document Specifications for the efiling system

Formal parties to the Energy Commission's power plant proceedings are required to use Energy Commission's e-filing system as of November 1, 2013, unless they obtain a waiver. The e-filing system is free, fast, convenient, and reduces paperwork and delivery costs – making it environmentally friendly.

The public can search and browse published documents related to all proceedings. The public can also file comments in proceedings that are accepting open comments.

For questions about how to use the system, do not hesitate to contact the Energy Commission's e-filing help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.

#### A. Technical Requirements

In order to submit documents using the Energy Commission's e-filing application, you must have:

- 1. A computer with an internet connection: A high-speed internet connection is strongly recommended for users uploading or downloading large files.
- 2. A modern web browser: Internet Explorer version 7 or above, a recent version of Firefox, Chrome or Safari, or other browser with equivalent functionality.
- 3. Software to create searchable and accessible PDF files. The Energy Commission does not mandate or endorse the use of any particular product for this purpose. Most files will be stored in PDF format and you will need a PDF viewer in order to view them.
- 4. User Information: A User ID and password are required to submit new documents using the Energy Commission's e-filing application. Instructions for obtaining these are found in this e-filing User's Training Guide or online by clicking Register as a New User.

## B. Confidential Document Filing

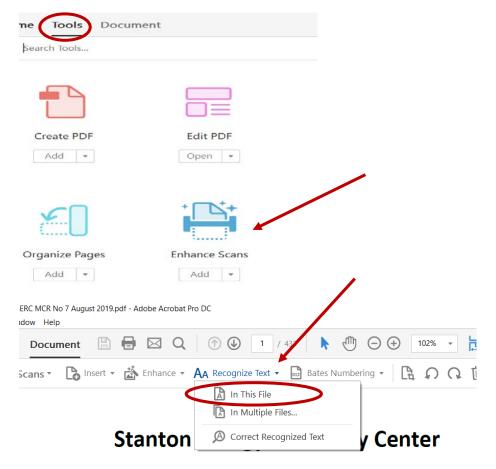
1. Confidential documents: Confidential documents must be submitted through the separate confidential documents e-filing tool (see e-filing instructions for details). All confidential documents must be clearly identified as such to ensure they are not added to the Energy Commission's public documents database. The Energy Commission assumes no responsibility for mislabeled

- or wrongly titled confidential documents or confidential documents that are mistakenly filed using the process for filing public documents.
- 2. Remove confidential data and metadata from public documents: It is the filer's responsibility when submitting a public version of any document to take appropriate measures to ensure that any embedded confidential information has been permanently deleted and is non-viewable, non-searchable, and non-reversible. Examples of confidential information to be deleted may include track changes comments, metadata properties, PDF annotations, PDF "sticky notes" or other data.
- 3. Remove document password protection: Remove all password protection from documents and files before submitting them to the Energy Commission's e-filing system. Filings containing password protected documents cannot be processed.

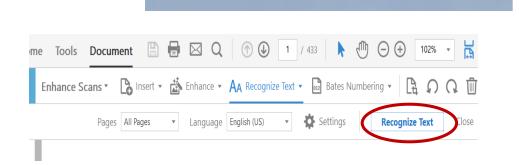
#### C. File Formats

- Document files: The filer can submit a WORD document and the Energy Commission e-filing system will convert the document to a searchable PDF document.
- 2. If the filer submits a PDF document, it must be submitted in a searchable PDF format (example: document name.pdf). Whenever possible, the PDF should be created directly from the application of origin, e.g., use "create PDF" or "print PDF" to create a PDF directly from a Microsoft Word document. There are numerous software programs available at modest or no cost to convert documents to PDF. The Energy Commission does not mandate or endorse the use of any particular product for this purpose.
- 3. Avoid scanned documents: Scanned documents greatly increase file sizes, slow uploading speeds, reduce the accuracy of full text searching, and may negatively impact document accessibility under state and federal accessibility laws. If submitting a scanned document, it is the responsibility of the submitter to first complete Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on the entire document text to mitigate accessibility and database search issues. Many modern scanners offer OCR as a built-in scanning option, and OCR is also available as a software tool in Adobe Acrobat and other PDF applications. OCR is not mistake free and therefore not a substitute for converting electronically to a PDF file where possible.

There is more than one way to make your document searchable. This is one of the examples on making your document searchable. If you have Adobe Acrobat DC, once you open your PDF, click the Tools button on the top ribbon. Click Enhance Scans. A new ribbon bar will appear. Click Recognize Text drop down arrow and click in this file and then click the Recognize Text button. The document will go through a scan.



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#### 4. Exceptions:

- A. Spreadsheets: Spreadsheets may be submitted in Microsoft Excel (.xls or .xlsx) format.
- B. Certain other types of files, including large computer aided design (CAD) files, very large graphic files (.jpg, .tiff, .gif), and database files (Microsoft Access) may not convert properly to the PDF format. Such documents may be submitted in their original format or by requesting an exception for filing outside of the e-filing system. For questions, contact the Energy Commission's e-filing help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.
- 5. Document accuracy: It is the sole responsibility of the person or entity submitting the electronic document(s) to examine the final version of the file(s) to ensure that the information content, document quality and format of the electronic document file(s) provide an accurate and complete representation of the original document. Most documents submitted in a non-PDF format will be automatically converted to PDF by the e-filing and web publishing system, and the Energy Commission assumes no responsibility for any resulting content, quality or formatting issues.

#### D. File Size

- 1. File Size: **The maximum file size is 30 megabytes (30 MB)**. However, multiple documents (with each not exceeding 30 MB) may be submitted during a single e-filing session.
- 2. Oversized documents: Files larger than 30 MB cannot be processed by the Energy Commission's e-filing system. These documents may be divided into multiple files of less than 30 MB providing that the parts are clearly labeled. For extremely large documents, such as an Application for Certification (AFC), you may file the document in sections. For questions, contact the Energy Commission's e-filing help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.

## E. Document signatures

1. The words "Original signed by" and the signee's typed name can serve in lieu of a "wet" signature on a submitted document.

#### F. Document Format

1. In general, documents should be created using a standard legible font and fit on an 8.5 x 11 inch page. Exceptions include large graphics, photos and other information requiring non-standard page sizes.

2. Attachments and cover letters should be submitted as separate files and clearly identified as such. A cover letter that merely identifies the document(s) that are part of the filing is unnecessary; the individual file titles and descriptions and other metadata perform that function.

#### G. Document File Names and Titles

- 1. File name length: All computer documents have a file name (Example: my document.pdf). The maximum file name length for a submitted document is 128 characters.
- 2. Document Titles: Document titles should accurately and succinctly reflect the contents of the document. This will help speed both the automated and human review of submitted documents and help ensure accurate database entries and search retrieval.

The system will use Document Title for creating the Filename. The system will create the filename by removing Windows special characters, as well as any additional configurable special characters from the title.

#### H. File Submission

- Files successfully submitted electronically to the Energy Commission will
  result in a return email acknowledgment to the filer to indicate that the efiling system has received the electronic submission. This email indicates
  only that the document has been successfully received and does not
  provide proof that the document has been docketed or accepted as part of
  the proceeding.
- 2. Any correction or modification to a document filed electronically will require a revised filing with the Energy Commission. In other words, a document already filed cannot be substituted or replaced by the submitter.
- 3. All files will be scanned for computer viruses prior to processing. Any document found to contain a virus, malware, spam or other mal-intentioned feature will not be accepted for processing. Viruses, malware, spam and other issues are an unfortunate fact of life on the internet. It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the integrity of files prior to submittal. Many anti-virus products are available at little or no cost. The Energy Commission does not recommend or support any specific product but recommends that one be used.
- 4. The Energy Commission is not responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic submission and the document submitter accepts the full risk that the submission may not be docketed as a result.

5. For questions, do not hesitate to contact the Energy Commission's e-filing help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.

# 14 Appendix C – Document Specifications for the ecommenting System

The Energy Commission's e-commenting system is free, convenient, and reduces paperwork – making it environmentally friendly. **Commenters are encouraged but not required to use the e-filing system**.

For questions about how to use the system, do not hesitate to contact the Energy Commission e-commenting help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.

#### A. Technical Requirements

To submit your comments using the Energy Commission's e-commenting application, you must have:

- 1. A computer or mobile device with internet access.
- 2. If you plan to attach a supporting document to your comment, software to create a searchable and accessible PDF file (see details below) or DOC or DOCX formatted file.

## B. Plain Text Only

1. The comment box accepts only plain text. Features such as bold, underline, italics and html tags are not supported at this time.

**Helpful Tip:** Do not copy a PDF document and paste it into the text box. The system will pick up embedded text that is not visible.

#### C. Comments are Public Information

1. Comments submitted to the Energy Commission are part of the public record and will be published on the Energy Commission's public website. It is the commenter's responsibility to not include personal or confidential information such as home address, personal telephone number or social security number. The Energy Commission is not responsible for protecting from disclosure or publication any confidential or personal information submitted by a commenter.

#### D. Attached Files

- 1. While not required, the Energy Commission's e-commenting system gives users the option of attaching one (1) supporting document to their comment. The maximum file size of a supporting document is 10 megabytes (10 MB).
- 2. Comments with attachments emailed into the Docket Unit will be filed as individual documents. The Docket Unit does not combine documents.
- 3. The Energy Commission **strongly recommends** that any supporting document be in PDF format (example: document name.pdf). Whenever possible, the PDF should be created directly from the original document, e.g., use "create PDF" or "print PDF" to create a PDF directly from a Microsoft Word document. There are numerous software programs available at modest or no cost to convert documents to PDF. The Energy Commission does not mandate or endorse the use of any particular product for this purpose.
- 4. Avoid scanned documents: Scanned PDF's should be avoided and submitted only when the original document cannot be converted to PDF electronically. Scanned documents greatly increase file sizes, slow uploading and downloading speeds, reduce the accuracy of full text searching, and may negatively impact document accessibility under state and federal accessibility laws. If submitting a scanned document, it is the responsibility of the submitter to first complete Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on the entire document text to mitigate accessibility and database search issues. Many modern scanners offer OCR as a built-in scanning option, and OCR is also available as a software tool in many PDF applications. OCR is not mistake free and therefore not a substitute for printing electronically to a PDF file where possible.
- 5. Name your PDF file (see next page) and save it in a location on your computer where it is easy for you to browse and select. In order to eliminate the inadvertent selection of a draft or previous version of the document, you may want to save the document to an eFiling folder.
- 6. Document accuracy: It is the sole responsibility of the commenter to examine the final version of the attached file to ensure that the information content, document quality and format of the electronic document accurately reflect the electronic or printed original copy. Microsoft Word (.doc and .docx) documents format will be automatically converted to PDF by the e-

commenting and web publishing system, and the Energy Commission assumes no responsibility for any resulting content, quality or formatting issues.

## **E.** Supporting Document File Names

- 1. File name length: All computer documents have a file name (Example: my document.pdf). The maximum file name length for a submitted document is 128 characters. Avoid using underscores in the Title name.
- 2. Invalid characters in a file name are (  $\cdot$  / : \*  $\setminus$  < > | ).
- 3. To ensure compatibility with the Energy Commission's e-commenting database and website publishing tools, file names should be composed only of lower case and/or upper case letters, numerals, the dash symbol ((-)). There should be no periods (.). (Example: file name).

Example of an acceptable file name:

Jose Ruiz Comment - On Joint workshop

Example of an unacceptable file name due to special characters: Jose Ruiz's supporting doc./attachment\_Dated@October 11, 2012.pdf

### F. Comment and Supporting Document Submission

- 1. Comments successfully submitted will result in a return email acknowledgment to the commenter to indicate that the e-commenting system has received the comment.
- 2. Any correction or modification to a comment or supporting document filed electronically will require a new filing with the Energy Commission. In other words, a comment or document already filed cannot be substituted or replaced by the submitter.
- 3. All comments and supporting documents will be scanned for computer viruses and inappropriate content prior to processing. Any comment or document found to contain a virus, malware, spam or other mal-intentioned feature will not be accepted for processing. Viruses, malware, spam and similar issues are an unfortunate fact of life on the internet, but it is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the integrity of files prior to submittal. Many anti-virus products are available at little or no costs. The

- Energy Commission does not mandate or endorse the use of any particular product for this purpose but recommends that one be used.
- 4. The Energy Commission is not responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic commenting system, and the commenter accepts the full risk that the comment may not be filed as a result.
- 5. For questions, do not hesitate to contact the Energy Commission's ecommenting help desk at <a href="mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov">docket@energy.ca.gov</a>.